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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116
 U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/769,382
 Docket No.: FF-0126US

Dear Examiner Pham:

Attached for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 19, 2006, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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Attachment

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Toshiyuki Takao, et al.

Serial No.: 09/769,382

Group Art Unit: 2625

Filed: January 26, 2001

Examiner: Thierry L. Pham

For: PRODUCT PRODUCTION SYSTEM, APPARATUS FOR MANAGING
PRODUCTIONS, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING DESIGNATED PRODUCTSHonorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Box AFAMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 19, 2006, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:INTRODUCTORY COMMENTSAmendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on
page 2 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend the claims as follows:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The production system as claimed in claim 36, wherein said
risk ratio calculating unit calculates said risk ratio at the time of producing the printing
pictures, wherein said production unit starts producing the printing pictures in a condition that
said alert information is lifted.6. (Previously Presented) The production system as claimed in claim 36, further
comprising a customer information storing unit for storing information relating to the
customer, wherein said first terminal comprises a customer identification information input
unit for inputting said customer identification information to identify said information relating
to the customer.7. (Previously Presented) The production system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said
information relating to the customer comprises history information relating to a purchase
history of the printing pictures of the customer, and
wherein said risk ratio calculating unit calculates said credibility based on said
purchase history of the customer.8. (Previously Presented) The production system as claimed in claim 36, further
comprising a rate calculating unit for calculating a purchase price of the printing pictures

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